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per. Manila to complete her cargo."—The *Island*,
ject. China in August last.

The complainant and the woman in Zurich, alleged owner of the jewellery, were called, and in their examination, bore out the statement

to France, and permitted foreign vessels, carrying a surtax on their flag, to engage in the colonial carrying trade; this surtax varied

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has any doubts on the subject has only to close

dedicated men success in their noble work, b
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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—4 percent, prom.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1891—4 percent, prom.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
P. & O. steamer *Katani*—t. Hind, with
English mail, left Singapore at 8 a.m.
17th, and is due here to-day.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with
the American mail, left San Francisco on
October, and is due here on or about the
21st.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The direct steamers, with the next Indian
Mail Calcutta on the morning of the 17th
inst, and may be expected here on or about
December.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.
Indo-China S. N. Co's steamer *Wing*
left Shanghai on the 17th, and is due here
24th inst.
Glad Line steamer *Glenfalas* left Singa-
pore on the 20th, and is due here on or about
24th inst.
Ben Linc steamer *Bentley* sailed from
here on the 20th, and is due here on or
the 27th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
British Contract Packet "VERONA,"
despatched on **TUESDAY**, the 27th
inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom,
and countries beyond, via Brindisi, to
Mauritius Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Cey-
lon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
This Packet carries no mails for the
East Indies.
Usual hours will be observed in closing
mails, &c.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES
PACKET.**
United States Mail Packet "CITY OF
NEW YORK,"

DAY JANEIRO, will be despatched on **DAY**, the 3rd December, with Mails for San Francisco, the United States, a Hancuila, Para, &c., which will be as follows:—

1. Regatta-cruises.

2. **PAQUET** Offices close, but Correspondence to be posted on board the **PAQUET** with Letters of 10 cents extra. Freight with the late departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET:

French Contrast Packet "TRAQUAD," will be despatched on **TUESDAY** the 4th December, with Mails to the United Kingdom, and, places beyond, via Naples; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Birmah, India (via Madras), the Australasian

LETTERS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAIL.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Following hours are observed in closing
a.m., by the British Contract Packet :—
Day of Departure.
—Money Order Office closes.
a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Post-
ing of all printed matter and pattern ceases.
a.m.—Mail closed, except for Late Letters.
Late Letters may be posted with late fee
10 cents until
a.m.—when the Post Office closes entirely.
a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board

packet with late fee of 10 cents, until
close of departure.

THE PERMEX MAIL.
Before departure.
Money Order Office opens. Post Office
closes, except the night box, which is always
out of office hours.

Day of departure.
Post Office opens.
Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of
printed matter and parcel ceases.
Mail closes, except for Letters.
M. M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee
of 10 cents until
M. M. when the Post Office closes entirely.
M. M. Late Letters may be posted on bonded
packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until

Stamps tendered for sale must not exceed 50 in value, must be perfectly clean, in good condition and of at least two, as separate Stamps will be purchased. They must be presented personally or accompanied by a note.

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TEA MASTERS.

Persons who send Masters of Tea through the post must be requested to have them in good condition and to send them in the post round tin securely in the mail.

It is believed that the tea will travel safely in flat tins, which are not so liable to break as those to be halved in.

3 by 14 inches is suggested as a good

the same should not have sharp corners.
The corners of letters are sometimes resealed at the
Post Office and not sealed, that is to say, the "box" is
sealed with sealing wax. But there is no in-
crease of a seal.

**LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING
SHIP.**

When it is desired to forward letters to the
United States by a sailing ship which is not
carrying a mail, it is only necessary to
attach the letters in the ordinary way, marked
with the name of the ship, and prepaid 10 cents
per ounce as usual. The Post Office then
takes the duty of obtaining notice of de-
parture and despatching the correspondence. It
is noted that the letters be posted if possible
before the sailing of the ship, and that the sail-
ing ship containing Stamps should be noted.

LOCAL AND INDIAN PARCEL POST.
Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book-
station. Hongkong and any of the British
Ports in China, as well as to Japan, Macao,
the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India.
Parcels exceed the following dimensions,
namely, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weight more
than 10 lbs., nor smaller than 2 in. by 2 in. by
2 in. Each parcel may be wholly closed if they
are special endorsement, Parcel, containing
any article, but any parcel may be opened by direc-
tion of the Postmaster General. In the case of
India a declaration of contents and a receipt, and a printed form which is
sent to the Post Office, are required. The following are the parcels
which are sent to India by the Post Office.

responsibility can be accepted by the Post for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries, letters addressed to subordinate officers. The duty to sell stamps should especially be emphasized in order to give correct information. The Postal Guide alone is the standard on which such information may be based.

provide means of remitting small sums of money to or from this Colony and between the Colonies of China, the Postmasters and Agents are allowed (but not required) to receive Hongkong Postage Stamps from residents.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

per foot.	10 Cents
cards, each.	3 Cents
Business, and Commercial.	2 Cents.
per copy of 2 or more.	2 Cents.
papers & Prices Current.	10 Cents.
Advertisement.	15 Cents.
with return receipt.	15 Cents.

Commercial papers signify such papers as are written by hand, do not bear the charge.

Actual or personal correspondence, such as letters, copied music, &c. The charge is the same as for Books. In all orders of and on, weights are charged 5 Cents.

MONEY LETTERS.

Attention is called to the following from the Hongkong Royal Bank

Post Office declines all responsibility
registered letters containing Bank Notes
where Registration has been neglected,
AND NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses
letters."

